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SENATE BILL   No. 191

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 10, 2005

An act to add Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66230) to Part 40 of the Education Code, relating to voter registration.

SB 191, as amended, Cedillo. Voter registration: public institutions of higher education.

(1) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to annually provide secondary education and specified postsecondary education campuses with a number of voter registration forms consistent with the number of students enrolled at each school. The Secretary of State is required to provide written notice with each form instructing students regarding voter eligibility and where to file the completed forms.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's 3 public segments of higher education and their respective campuses. These 3 public segments are the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California; the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of

the California State University; and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make them applicable.

This bill would strongly urge the Regents of the University of California, and would require the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district, to make the voter registration process available ~~via the Internet using the Automatic Voter Registration Program of~~ *through an automated program, operated in coordination with* the Secretary of State, *that permits students, during their class registration process, to elect to receive a preprinted voter registration form,* or distribute voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each academic term, as prescribed.

The bill would strongly urge the regents to decide, on or before July 1, 2006, whether the University of California will participate in the program established by the bill. The bill would require the Trustees of the California State University to implement the bill's provisions with respect to the California State University on and after July 1, 2007. The bill would require the governing board of each community college district in the state to implement the bill's provisions with respect to its jurisdiction on and after July 1, 2008.

To the extent that this bill would create new duties for community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66230)
2 is added to Part 40 of the Education Code, to read:
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4   Chapter 4.3. Voter Registration Information
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6   66230. It is the intent of the Legislature that the public
7 colleges and universities of this state foster an educational
8 environment that promotes civic responsibility.
9   66230.5.   (a) In accordance with the deadlines set forth in
10 subdivision (b), the Regents of the University of California are
11 strongly urged to, and the Trustees of the California State
12 University and the governing board of each community college
13 district shall, make the voter registration process ~~available via the~~
14 ~~Internet using the Automatic Voter Registration Program of the~~
15 ~~Secretary of State~~ *available through an automated program,*
16 *operated in coordination with the Secretary of State, that permits*
17 *students, during their class registration process, to elect to*
18 *receive a voter registration form that is preprinted with personal*
19 *information relevant to voter registration*, or distribute voter
20 registration forms to students at the beginning of each academic
21 term by both of the following means:
22   (1) During the oncampus issuance of student identification
23 cards as an individual attachment to the application.
24   (2) During the student class registration process.
25   (b) (1) The Regents of the University of California are strongly
26 urged to decide, on or before July 1, 2006, whether the
27 University of California will participate in the program
28 established by this chapter.
29   (2) The Trustees of the California State University shall
30 implement this chapter with respect to the California State
31 University on and after July 1, 2007.
32   (3) The governing board of each community college district in
33 the state shall implement this chapter with respect to its
34 jurisdiction on and after July 1, 2008.
35   SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
36 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
37 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

1   pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
2   4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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